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To: Buffy Williams MS,
Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Buffy,

Thank you for your pre-appointment hearing report which was published on 10th July. The report helpfully summarises the Committee's findings following your pre-appointment scrutiny of my preferred candidate for the role of Chair of Qualifications Wales.

I was pleased that the Committee were able to endorse the candidate, Paul Bevan, providing me valuable reassurance as I make my final decision. I intend to follow the endorsement of the Committee and offer him the opportunity to fulfil the important role of Chair of Qualifications Wales.

Your report highlights the planned extension of the current Chair's end date to 31st December. I should clarify that David Jones's second term of office will now end on 30 September 2025, as originally planned, and that I have communicated this to him.

The new Chair will be appointed from 1st October for a three-year term. Qualifications Wales has also been notified to enable them to plan their induction for the new Chair, to help ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely

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